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Dear Mr. Frech,

Please amend this case as follows:

1. On page 7, line 13, replace Harris ballot book with ---"Harris ballot book" such as shown as subassembly 30 in Fig. 9 of Reference 3.---
2. Claim 1 is the generic claim that focuses on two features: unscored index-points on a ballot card and strong backlighting that advises the voter that any defective cut-out can be corrected by repeat stylus strokes. Claims 2, 3, and 4 add three valuable other features for improving Votomatic performance, as do the twelve dependent claims. All the claims have a common objective which is to reduce the number of Votomatic's twelve disenfranchised voters per 1000 to as close to zero as possible (see Reference 5).
3. Claim 15 (which will become Claim 13 when Claims 12 and 14 are canceled) has been revised to be more clearly stated.
4. Applicant believes that the quotation from 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is not applicable to this case, for the reason stated under Section 5 following.
5. On page 3 of the subject Office action, the following sentence appears on line 16:  
  
"Yamashita et al discloses a punched card device that 'back lights' a card to be read." On the relevant description in Column 2 lines 60 to 62 of patent '337 to Yamashita this sentence